REFERENCE TITLE: tax relief package; 2007

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Introduced by Representative Boone (with permission of committee on Rules)

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 20-224.06 AND 20-224.07; AMENDING SECTIONS 42-2001, 42-13054, 42-15001, 42-15006, 43-401, 43-1021, 43-1022, 43-1074.01, 43-1088, 43-1089, 43-1089.01, 43-1111, 43-1168 AND 43-1183, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO TAXATION.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 20, chapter 2, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding sections 20-224.06 and 20-224.07, to read:

20-224.06. <u>Premium tax credit for employment at employment</u> centers; definitions

- A. A LIFE INSURER OR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURER THAT INCURS PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE MAY CLAIM A CREDIT AGAINST THAT TAX LIABILITY AND ANY RETALIATORY TAXES INCURRED BY THE INSURER PURSUANT TO SECTION 20-230 FOR GROSS WAGES PAID BY THE INSURER AND ITS AFFILIATES TO EMPLOYEES WHO ARE EMPLOYED AT AN EMPLOYMENT CENTER IN THIS STATE. THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS EQUAL TO FIFTEEN PER CENT OF THE GROSS WAGES PAID IN THE CURRENT YEAR BY THE INSURER AND ITS AFFILIATES TO EMPLOYEES WHO ARE EMPLOYED AT AN EMPLOYMENT CENTER IN THIS STATE, BUT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE LESSER OF:
 - 1. FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
- 2. SIXTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE INSURER'S PREMIUM TAX AND RETALIATORY TAX LIABILITY IN THE CURRENT YEAR.
 - B. TO QUALIFY FOR THE CREDIT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION:
 - 1. THE INSURER MUST:
- (a) OPERATE AT LEAST ONE EMPLOYMENT CENTER IN THIS STATE THAT QUALIFIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.
- (b) OWN OR LEASE MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE AT AN EMPLOYMENT CENTER LOCATED IN THIS STATE.
- 2. THE INSURER MUST MAINTAIN A WORKFORCE OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AT AN EMPLOYMENT CENTER IN THIS STATE.
- 3. ALL OF THE GROSS WAGES WITH RESPECT TO WHICH A CREDIT IS CLAIMED MUST BE PAID TO EMPLOYEES WHO RESIDE IN THIS STATE AND WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY THE INSURER OR ITS AFFILIATES AT THE EMPLOYMENT CENTER IN THIS STATE. ALL GROSS WAGES PAID BY THE INSURER AND ITS AFFILIATES TO EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED AT EMPLOYMENT CENTERS IN THIS STATE ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF CALCULATING THE CREDIT.
 - 4. THE INSURER OR ITS AFFILIATES MUST:
- (a) PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE INSURER IN EACH STATE IN WHICH THE INSURER OR ITS AFFILIATES ARE LICENSED OR IN THREE OR MORE OF THESE STATES, WHICHEVER IS LESS.
- (b) SPEND AT LEAST FIVE MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES IN THIS STATE.
- 5. THE INSURER MUST APPLY TO THE DIRECTOR ON FORMS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE INSURER INTENDS TO CLAIM THE CREDIT. A FAILURE TO TIMELY SUBMIT A CORRECT AND COMPLETE APPLICATION IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTES A WAIVER OF THE CREDIT. THE INSURER MUST INCLUDE WITH THE APPLICATION EVIDENCE OF MEETING OR CERTIFICATION THAT IT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION TO QUALIFY FOR THE CREDIT.
- C. AN INSURER THAT CLAIMS A TAX CREDIT UNDER SECTION 20-224.03 OR 20-224.04 IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM A CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.

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- D. ANY INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY AN INSURER TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION IS CONFIDENTIAL, IS EXEMPT FROM TITLE 39, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2 AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THE INSURER THAT PROVIDED THE INFORMATION CONSENTS TO THE DISCLOSURE.
- E. AN INSURER THAT CLAIMS A CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION AGAINST ITS PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY ANY ADDITIONAL RETALIATORY TAX THAT IS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 20-230 AS A RESULT OF CLAIMING THAT TAX CREDIT.
- F. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT RULES NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SECTION.
 - G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
- 1. "AFFILIATE" INCLUDES ANY COMPANY OR BUSINESS ENTITY THAT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THROUGH ONE OR MORE INTERMEDIARIES CONTROLS, IS CONTROLLED BY OR IS UNDER COMMON CONTROL WITH AN INSURANCE COMPANY OR AN INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY.
- 2. "EMPLOYMENT CENTER" INCLUDES AN ADDRESS OR ADJACENT ADDRESSES IN WHICH THE INSURER OR ITS AFFILIATES CONDUCT BUSINESS.
- 3. "GROSS WAGES" MEANS GROSS COMPENSATION THAT IS PAID TO EMPLOYEES IN THIS STATE BY AN INSURER AND ITS AFFILIATES AS REPORTED IN THE CURRENT YEAR FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES. GROSS WAGES DO NOT INCLUDE AMOUNTS PAID AS COMMISSIONS TO PERSONS FOR SELLING, SOLICITING OR NEGOTIATING INSURANCE OR TO INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS OF THE INSURER OR ITS AFFILIATES BUT DO INCLUDE BONUSES THAT ARE PAID TO EMPLOYEES OF THE INSURER OR ITS AFFILIATES.
- 4. "INSURER" MEANS A LIFE INSURER OR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURER THAT IS SUBJECT TO PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE.

20-224.07. <u>Premium tax credit for contributions to school tuition organization</u>

- A. THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011, A CREDIT IS ALLOWED AGAINST THE PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY INCURRED BY AN INSURER PURSUANT TO SECTION 20-224, 20-837, 20-1010, 20-1060 OR 20-1097.07 FOR THE AMOUNT OF VOLUNTARY CASH CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE INSURER DURING THE TAX YEAR TO A SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION.
- B. THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE INSURER'S CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE TAX YEAR UNDER SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION THAT IS PREAPPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-1183, SUBSECTION D.
- C. THE PROCEDURES, CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, DEFINITIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 43-1183 APPLY TO:
 - 1. INSURERS THAT CLAIM A CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.
 - 2. CLAIMS FOR CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 3. SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INSURERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.
- 4. SCHOOLS THAT QUALIFY TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP MONIES CONTRIBUTED BY INSURERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.
- 5. STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM MONIES CONTRIBUTED BY INSURERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

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- D. IF THE ALLOWABLE AMOUNT OF A CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION EXCEEDS THE INSURER'S STATE PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY, THE AMOUNT OF THE CLAIM NOT USED TO OFFSET THE PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD AS A CREDIT AGAINST THE INSURER'S SUBSEQUENT YEARS' PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FIVE TAXABLE YEARS.
- E. A CREDIT IS NOT ALLOWED IF THE INSURER DESIGNATES THE CONTRIBUTION FOR THE DIRECT BENEFIT OF ANY SPECIFIC STUDENT.
- F. THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SHALL ADOPT RULES AND PUBLISH AND PRESCRIBE FORMS AND PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SECTION.
 - Sec. 2. Section 42-2001, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 42-2001. <u>Definitions</u>

In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Affidavits" includes forms received to report nontaxable estates.
- 2. "Confidential information":
- (a) Includes the following information whether it concerns individual taxpayers or is aggregate information for specifically identified taxpayers:
- (i) Returns and reports filed with the department for income tax, withholding tax, transaction privilege tax, luxury tax, use tax, rental occupancy tax, property tax, estate tax and severance tax.
- (ii) Affidavits, reports or other information filed relating to taxable and nontaxable estates.
- (iii) Applications for transaction privilege licenses, luxury tax licenses, use tax licenses and withholding licenses.
- (iv) Information discovered concerning taxes and receipts by the department, whether or not by compulsory process.
- (v) Return information obtained from the United States internal revenue service and United States bureau of alcohol, tobacco and firearms.
- (vi) Information supplied at the special request of the department by a taxpayer which the taxpayer requests to be held in confidence.
- (vii) Guidelines, standards or procedures that are established by the department for, or other information relating to, selecting returns or taxpayers for examination or settling or compromising any tax liability.
- (viii) A taxpayer's identity, the nature, source or amount of the taxpayer's income, payments, receipts, deductions, exemptions, credits, assets, liabilities, net worth, tax liability, tax withheld, deficiencies, overassessments or tax payments, whether the taxpayer's return was, is being or will be examined or subject to investigation, collection or processing or any other data received by, recorded by, prepared by, furnished to or collected by the department with respect to a return or with respect to the termination, or possible existence, of liability of any person for any tax, penalty or interest imposed pursuant to this title or title 43.
- (ix) INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY AN EMPLOYEE TO AN EMPLOYER REGARDING THE EMPLOYEE'S ELECTION TO HAVE THE EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING TAX REDUCED FOR THE

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PURPOSES OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO QUALIFIED SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATIONS OR PUBLIC SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-401, SUBSECTION H.

- (b) Does not include information which is otherwise a public record.
- 3. "Report" includes a notice of insurance payments, a request for a release of a bank account and an inventory of a safe deposit box.
- 4. "Return" includes any form prescribed by the department and any supporting schedules, attachments and lists.
- 5. "Tax administration" includes assessment, collection, investigation, litigation, statistical gathering functions, enforcement, policy making functions or management of those functions of the tax revenue laws of this state.
- 6. "Taxpayer", with respect to a joint return, means either party. Sec. 3. Section 42-13054, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 42-13054. <u>Taxable value of personal property; depreciated</u>
 values of personal property in class one and class
 two (P)
- A. The taxable value of personal property that is valued by the county assessor is the result of acquisition cost less any appropriate depreciation as prescribed by tables adopted by the department. The taxable value shall not exceed the market value.
- B. Except as provided in subsection C of this section and notwithstanding any other statute, the assessor shall adjust the depreciation schedules prescribed by the department as follows to determine the valuation of PERSONAL PROPERTY:
- 1. FOR personal property that is initially classified during or after tax year 1994 THROUGH TAX YEAR 2006 as class one, paragraph 8, 9, 10 or 13 pursuant to section 42-12001 and personal property that is initially classified during or after tax year 1995 THROUGH TAX YEAR 2006 as class two (P) pursuant to section 42-12002:
- $\frac{1}{1}$. (a) For the first tax year of assessment, the assessor shall use thirty-five per cent of the scheduled depreciated value.
- 2. (b) For the second tax year of assessment, the assessor shall use fifty-one per cent of the scheduled depreciated value.
- 3. (c) For the third tax year of assessment, the assessor shall use sixty-seven per cent of the scheduled depreciated value.
- 4. (d) For the fourth tax year of assessment, the assessor shall use eighty-three per cent of the scheduled depreciated value.
- 5. (e) For the fifth and subsequent tax years of assessment, the assessor shall use the scheduled depreciated value as prescribed in the department's guidelines.
- 2. FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS INITIALLY CLASSIFIED DURING OR AFTER TAX YEAR 2007 AS CLASS ONE, PARAGRAPH 8, 9, 10 OR 13 PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-12001 AND AS CLASS TWO (P) PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-12002:

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- (a) FOR THE FIRST TAX YEAR OF ASSESSMENT, THE ASSESSOR SHALL USE THIRTY PER CENT OF THE SCHEDULED DEPRECIATED VALUE.
- (b) FOR THE SECOND TAX YEAR OF ASSESSMENT, THE ASSESSOR SHALL USE FORTY-SIX PER CENT OF THE SCHEDULED DEPRECIATED VALUE.
- (c) FOR THE THIRD TAX YEAR OF ASSESSMENT, THE ASSESSOR SHALL USE SIXTY-TWO PER CENT OF THE SCHEDULED DEPRECIATED VALUE.
- (d) FOR THE FOURTH TAX YEAR OF ASSESSMENT, THE ASSESSOR SHALL USE SEVENTY-EIGHT PER CENT OF THE SCHEDULED DEPRECIATED VALUE.
- (e) FOR THE FIFTH TAX YEAR OF ASSESSMENT, THE ASSESSOR SHALL USE NINETY-FOUR PER CENT OF THE SCHEDULED DEPRECIATED VALUE.
- (f) FOR THE SIXTH AND SUBSEQUENT TAX YEARS OF ASSESSMENT, THE ASSESSOR SHALL USE THE SCHEDULED DEPRECIATED VALUE AS PRESCRIBED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDELINES.
- $\mbox{\ensuremath{\text{C.}}}$ The additional depreciation prescribed in subsection B of this section:
 - 1. Does not apply to any property valued by the department.
- 2. Shall not reduce the valuation below the minimum value prescribed by the department for property in use.
- Sec. 4. Section 42-15001, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-15001. Assessed valuation of class one property

The assessed valuation of class one property described in section 42-12001 is the following percentage of its full cash value or limited valuation, as applicable:

- 1. Twenty-five per cent through December 31, 2005.
- 2. Twenty-four and one-half per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2005 through December 31, 2006.
- 3. Twenty-four per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2006 through December 31, 2007.
- 4. Twenty-three and one half per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2007 through December 31, 2008.
- 5. Twenty three TWENTY-TWO per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2008 through December 31, 2009.
- 6. Twenty two and one half TWENTY-ONE per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2009 through December 31, 2010.
- 7. Twenty-two TWENTY per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2011.
- 8. Twenty-one and one-half per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2011 through December 31, 2012.
- 9. Twenty-one per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2012 through December 31, 2013.
- 10. Twenty and one-half per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2013 through December 31, 2014.
 - 11. Twenty per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2014.

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Sec. 5. Section 42-15006, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-15006. <u>Assessed valuation of class six property</u>
The assessed valuation of class six property described in

section 42-12006 is based on the following percentages to the full cash value or limited valuation of class six property, as applicable:

- 1. Property described in section 42-12006, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, five per cent.
 - 2. Property described in section 42-12006, paragraph 4:
 - (a) For primary property tax purposes, five per cent.
- (b) Except as provided in subdivision (c), for secondary property tax purposes:
 - (i) Twenty-five per cent through December 31, 2006.
- (ii) Twenty-four per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2006 through December 31, 2007.
- (iii) Twenty-three and one-half per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2007 through December 31, 2008.
- (iv) Twenty-three TWENTY-TWO per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2008 through December 31, 2009.
- (v) Twenty-two and one-half TWENTY-ONE per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2009 through December 31, 2010.
- (vi) Twenty-two TWENTY per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2011.
- (vii) Twenty-one and one-half per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2011 through December 31, 2012.
- (viii) Twenty one per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2012 through December 31, 2013.
- (ix) Twenty and one-half per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2013 through December 31, 2014.
 - (x) Twenty per cent beginning from and after December 31, 2014.
- (c) If subdivision (b) is finally adjudicated to be invalid, for secondary property tax purposes, five per cent.
 - Sec. 6. Section 43-401, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 43-401. Withholding tax; rates; election by employee; violation; classification

A. Except as provided by subsection B of this section, every employer at the time of the payment of wages, salary, bonus or other emolument to any employee whose compensation is for services performed within this state shall deduct and retain from the compensation an amount equal to a percentage, determined pursuant to subsection C of this section, of the total amount of the federal income tax deducted and withheld by an employer from the total value of such wages, bonus or other emolument of an employee under the provisions of the United States internal revenue code computed without deductions for any amount withheld.

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- B. An employer may voluntarily elect to not withhold tax during December by notifying:
 - 1. The department on a form prescribed by the department.
- 2. The employer's employees in writing in a manner prescribed by the department.
- C. The percentage deducted and retained under subsection A of this section shall be:
- 1. If the employee's annual compensation is less than fifteen thousand dollars, ten per cent, nineteen per cent, twenty-three per cent, twenty-five per cent, thirty-one per cent or thirty-seven per cent, at the employee's election pursuant to subsection F of this section.
- 2. If the employee's annual compensation is fifteen thousand dollars or more, nineteen per cent, twenty-three per cent, twenty-five per cent, thirty-one per cent or thirty-seven per cent, at the employee's election pursuant to subsection F of this section.
- 3. Zero per cent at the election of an employee who had no state income tax liability in the prior taxable year and expects to have no state income tax liability for the current taxable year.
- D. If the amount collected and payable by the employer to the department in each of the preceding four calendar quarters did not exceed an average of one thousand five hundred dollars, the amount collected shall be paid to the department on or before April 30, July 31, October 31 and January 31 for the preceding calendar quarter. If such amount exceeded one thousand five hundred dollars in each of the preceding four calendar quarters, the employer shall pay to the department the amount the employer deducts and retains pursuant to this section at the same time as the employer is required to make deposits of federal tax pursuant to section 6302 of the internal revenue code. On or before April 30, July 31, October 31 and January 31 each year the employer shall reconcile the amounts payable during the preceding calendar quarter in a manner prescribed by the department, except that if the full amount collected and payable is paid timely to the department under this subsection, the employer may reconcile the amounts on or before May 10, August 10, November 10 and February 10 each year. The department by rule may allow and determine which employers qualify for annual payments of withholding taxes, with an annual report by the employer pursuant to section 43-412, subsection B, if the qualifying employer has established sufficient payment history to indicate that the employer is current and in good standing pursuant to standards established by rule. For any business which has not had a withholding certificate for the four preceding consecutive quarters, the quarterly average shall be computed in a manner prescribed by the department.
- E. If an employer fails to make a timely monthly payment because prior to that reporting period it reported on a quarterly basis instead of on a monthly basis, the department shall notify the employer that it is out of compliance with this section. Notwithstanding section 42-1125, the

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department shall not assess a penalty against an employer for failing to make a timely monthly payment if the employer had filed and remitted all taxes due on a quarterly basis and brings all filings and payments into current compliance within thirty days after being notified by the department.

- F. Each employee shall elect the amount authorized by subsection C of this section to be withheld for application toward the employee's state income tax liability. The election provided under this subsection shall be exercised by each employee, in writing on a form prescribed by the department. The election shall be made within five days of employment. Each employer shall notify the employees of the election made available under this subsection and shall have election forms available at all times. Each form shall be completed in triplicate, with one copy each for the department, the employer and the employee. The employer shall file a copy of each completed form with the department. Any employee failing to complete an election form as prescribed shall be deemed to have elected the smallest applicable withholding percentage.
- G. Before October 1, 2005 and before July 1 OF each year thereafter, each employer who chooses to not withhold tax pursuant to subsection B of this section shall notify each employee that:
- 1. State income taxes will not be withheld from compensation in December.
- 2. The employee may elect to change the rate of withholding tax prescribed by this section to compensate for the resulting change in annual withholdings from the employee's compensation.
- H. AT AN EMPLOYEE'S WRITTEN REQUEST, THE EMPLOYER MAY AGREE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT WITHHELD UNDER THIS SECTION BY THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT THAT THE EMPLOYEE REPRESENTS TO THE EMPLOYER THAT THE EMPLOYEE WILL QUALIFY FOR AND BE ENTITLED TO UNDER SECTION 43-1089 OR 43-1089.01, OR BOTH. THE EMPLOYEE'S REQUEST MUST INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE QUALIFIED SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION OR PUBLIC SCHOOL. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER AGREEING TO THE EMPLOYEE'S REQUEST, THE EMPLOYER SHALL REDUCE THE WITHHOLDING AMOUNT BY THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT, BUT NOT BELOW ZERO, PRORATED FOR THE NUMBER OF PAY PERIODS REMAINING IN THE EMPLOYEE'S TAXABLE YEAR AFTER THE EMPLOYEE MAKES THE REQUEST. IF AN EMPLOYER AGREES TO REDUCE THE WITHHOLDING AMOUNT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION AND PAY THE AMOUNT OF THE REDUCED WITHHOLDING TO THE EMPLOYEE'S DESIGNATED QUALIFIED SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION OR PUBLIC SCHOOL:
- 1. WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH QUARTER, THE EMPLOYER MUST PAY THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE REDUCTION IN WITHHOLDING TAX FOR THAT QUARTER TO THE DESIGNATED SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION OR PUBLIC SCHOOL. THESE PAYMENTS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ON THE EMPLOYEE'S BEHALF, AND NOT THE EMPLOYER'S, FOR THE PURPOSES OF QUALIFYING FOR THE INCOME TAX CREDITS UNDER SECTIONS 43-1089 AND 43-1089.01.
- 2. THE EMPLOYEE IS RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE ACCURACY AND THE AMOUNT OF REDUCTION IN WITHHOLDING TAX AND THE PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION OR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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- 3. THE EMPLOYER IS RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION OR PUBLIC SCHOOL, TO THE EMPLOYEE AND TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ACTUALLY MAKING THE REQUIRED PAYMENTS.
- 4. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR, OR WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, THE EMPLOYER MUST FURNISH TO EACH ELECTING EMPLOYEE AND TO THE DEPARTMENT A STATEMENT OF THE AMOUNT WITHHELD AND PAID ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEE DURING THAT YEAR.
- I. AN EMPLOYER THAT FRAUDULENTLY APPROPRIATES, OR THAT CONCEALS WITH A FRAUDULENT INTENT TO APPROPRIATE, TO ANY OTHER USE OR PURPOSE ANY PART OF REDUCED WITHHOLDING TAXES UNDER SUBSECTION H OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.
 - Sec. 7. Section 43-1021, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 43-1021. Additions to Arizona gross income

In computing Arizona adjusted gross income, the following amounts shall be added to Arizona gross income:

- 1. A beneficiary's share of the fiduciary adjustment to the extent that the amount determined by section 43-1333 increases the beneficiary's Arizona gross income.
- 2. An amount equal to the "ordinary income portion" of a lump sum distribution that was excluded from federal adjusted gross income pursuant to section 402(d) of the internal revenue code.
- 3. The amount of interest income received on obligations of any state, territory or possession of the United States, or any political subdivision thereof, located outside the state of Arizona, reduced, for tax years beginning from and after December 31, 1996, by the amount of any interest on indebtedness and other related expenses that were incurred or continued to purchase or carry those obligations and that are not otherwise deducted or subtracted in arriving at Arizona gross income.
- 4. Annuity income received during the taxable year to the extent that the sum of the proceeds received from such annuity in all taxable years prior to and including the current taxable year exceeds the total consideration and premiums paid by the taxpayer. This paragraph applies only to those annuities with respect to which the first payment was received prior to December 31, 1978.
- 5. The excess of a partner's share of partnership taxable income required to be included under chapter 14, article 2 of this title over the income required to be reported under section 702(a)(8) of the internal revenue code.
- 6. The excess of a partner's share of partnership losses determined pursuant to section 702(a)(8) of the internal revenue code over the losses allowable under chapter 14, article 2 of this title.
- 7. The amount by which the adjusted basis of property described in this paragraph and computed pursuant to the internal revenue code exceeds the adjusted basis of such property computed pursuant to this title and the income tax act of 1954, as amended. This paragraph shall apply to all

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property which is held for the production of income and which is sold or otherwise disposed of during the taxable year, except depreciable property used in a trade or business.

- 8. The amount of depreciation or amortization of costs of any capital investment that is deducted pursuant to section 167 or 179 of the internal revenue code by a qualified defense contractor with respect to which an election is made to amortize pursuant to section 43-1024.
- 9. The amount of gain from the sale or other disposition of a capital investment which a qualified defense contractor has elected to amortize pursuant to section 43-1024.
- 10. Amounts withdrawn from the Arizona state retirement system, the corrections officer retirement plan, the public safety personnel retirement system, the elected officials' retirement plan or a county or city retirement plan by an employee upon termination of employment before retirement to the extent they were deducted in arriving at Arizona taxable income in any year.
- 11. That portion of the net operating loss included in federal adjusted gross income which has already been taken as a net operating loss for Arizona purposes or which is separately taken as a subtraction under the special net operating loss transition rule.
- 12. Any nonitemized amount deducted pursuant to section 170 of the internal revenue code representing contributions to an educational institution which denies admission, enrollment or board and room accommodations on the basis of race, color or ethnic background except those institutions primarily established for the education of American Indians.
- 13. The amount paid as taxes on property in this state with respect to which a credit is claimed under section 43-1078.
- 14. Amounts withdrawn from a medical savings account by the individual during the taxable year computed pursuant to section 220(f) of the internal revenue code and not included in federal adjusted gross income.
- 15. Any amount of agricultural water conservation expenses that were deducted pursuant to the internal revenue code for which a credit is claimed under section 43-1084.
- 16. The amount by which the depreciation or amortization computed under the internal revenue code with respect to property for which a credit was taken under section 43-1080 exceeds the amount of depreciation or amortization computed pursuant to the internal revenue code on the Arizona adjusted basis of the property.
- 17. The amount by which the adjusted basis computed under the internal revenue code with respect to property for which a credit was claimed under section 43-1080 and which is sold or otherwise disposed of during the taxable year exceeds the adjusted basis of the property computed under section 43-1080.
- 18. The amount by which the depreciation or amortization computed under the internal revenue code with respect to property for which a credit was taken under either section 43-1081 or 43-1081.01 exceeds the amount of

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depreciation or amortization computed pursuant to the internal revenue code on the Arizona adjusted basis of the property.

- 19. The amount by which the adjusted basis computed under the internal revenue code with respect to property for which a credit was claimed under section 43-1074.02, 43-1081 or 43-1081.01 and which is sold or otherwise disposed of during the taxable year exceeds the adjusted basis of the property computed under section 43-1074.02, 43-1081 or 43-1081.01, as applicable.
- 20. The deduction referred to in section 1341(a)(4) of the internal revenue code for restoration of a substantial amount held under a claim of right.
- 21. The amount by which a net operating loss carryover or capital loss carryover allowable pursuant to section 1341(b)(5) of the internal revenue code exceeds the net operating loss carryover or capital loss carryover allowable pursuant to section 43-1029, subsection F.
- 22. Any amount deducted pursuant to section 170 of the internal revenue code representing contributions to a school tuition organization or a public school for which a credit is claimed under section 43-1089 or 43-1089.01.
- 23. Any amount deducted in computing Arizona gross income as expenses for installing solar stub outs or electric vehicle recharge outlets in this state with respect to which a credit is claimed pursuant to section 43-1090.
- . Any wage expenses deducted pursuant to the internal revenue code for which a credit is claimed under section 43-1087 and representing net increases in qualified employment positions for employment of temporary assistance for needy families recipients.
- 25. Any amount deducted for conveying ownership or development rights of property to an agricultural preservation district under section 48-5702 for which a credit is claimed under section 43-1081.02.
- 26. The amount of any depreciation allowance allowed pursuant to section 167(a) of the internal revenue code to the extent not previously added.
- 27. With respect to property for which an expense deduction was taken pursuant to section 179 of the internal revenue code, the amount in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars.
- 28. The amount of any deductions that are claimed in computing federal adjusted gross income representing expenses for which a credit is claimed under section 43-1075.
- 29. The amount by which the depreciation or amortization computed under the internal revenue code with respect to property for which a credit was taken under section 43-1090.01 exceeds the amount of depreciation or amortization computed pursuant to the internal revenue code on the Arizona adjusted basis of the property.
- 30. The amount by which the adjusted basis computed under the internal revenue code with respect to property for which a credit was claimed under section 43-1090.01 and which is sold or otherwise disposed of during the

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taxable year exceeds the adjusted basis of the property computed under section 43-1090.01.

31. THE AMOUNT OF A NONQUALIFIED WITHDRAWAL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1871, FROM A COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 529 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE THAT IS MADE TO A DISTRIBUTEE TO THE EXTENT THE AMOUNT IS NOT INCLUDED IN COMPUTING FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME, EXCEPT THAT THE AMOUNT ADDED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT EXCEED THE DIFFERENCE IN THE AMOUNT SUBTRACTED UNDER SECTION 43-1022 AND THE AMOUNT ADDED IN THE PRECEDING TAXABLE YEAR.

Sec. 8. Section 43-1022, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 43-1022. <u>Subtractions from Arizona gross income</u>

In computing Arizona adjusted gross income, the following amounts shall be subtracted from Arizona gross income:

- 1. The amount of exemptions allowed by section 43-1023.
- 2. Benefits, annuities and pensions in an amount totaling not more than two thousand five hundred dollars received DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR from one or more of the following:
- (a) The United States government service retirement and disability fund, retired or retainer pay of the uniformed services of the United States, the United States foreign service retirement and disability system and any other retirement system or plan established by federal law.
- (b) The Arizona state retirement system, the corrections officer retirement plan, the public safety personnel retirement system, the elected officials' retirement plan, an optional retirement program established by the Arizona board of regents under section 15-1628, an optional retirement program established by a community college district board under section 15-1451 or a retirement plan established for employees of a county, city or town in this state.
- 3. A beneficiary's share of the fiduciary adjustment to the extent that the amount determined by section 43-1333 decreases the beneficiary's Arizona gross income.
- 4. The amount of any distributions from an individual retirement account as provided for in section 408 of the internal revenue code or from a qualified retirement plan of a self-employed individual as provided for in section 401 of the internal revenue code to the extent that total adjustments made pursuant to this paragraph in all tax years do not exceed the total of all contributions made by the taxpayer to such plans prior to December 31, 1975, which were included in computing Arizona taxable income.
- 5. The amount of income on an installment receivable which is recognized pursuant to the internal revenue code and which has already been recognized on the death of the taxpayer for purposes of this title for tax years ending before January 1, 1990.
- 6. Interest income received on obligations of the United States, less any interest on indebtedness, or other related expenses, and deducted in

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arriving at Arizona gross income, which were incurred or continued to purchase or carry such obligations.

- 7. The amount of any income tax refunds which were received from states other than Arizona and which were included as income in computing federal adjusted gross income.
- 8. Annuity income included in federal adjusted gross income pursuant to section 72 of the internal revenue code if the first payment with respect to such annuity was received prior to December 31, 1978.
- 9. The excess of a partner's share of income required to be included under section 702(a)(8) of the internal revenue code over the income required to be included under chapter 14, article 2 of this title.
- 10. The excess of a partner's share of partnership losses determined pursuant to chapter 14, article 2 of this title over the losses allowable under section 702(a)(8) of the internal revenue code.
- 11. The amount by which the adjusted basis of property described in this paragraph and computed pursuant to this title and the income tax act of 1954, as amended, exceeds the adjusted basis of such property computed pursuant to the internal revenue code. This paragraph shall apply to all property which is held for the production of income and which is sold or otherwise disposed of during the taxable year other than depreciable property used in a trade or business.
- . The amount allowed by section 43-1024 for amortization, by a qualified defense contractor certified by the department of commerce under section 41-1508, of a capital investment for private commercial activities.
- 13. The amount of gain included in federal adjusted gross income on the sale or other disposition of a capital investment that a qualified defense contractor has elected to amortize pursuant to section 43-1024.
- 14. The amount allowed by section 43-1025 for contributions during the taxable year of agricultural crops to charitable organizations.
- 15. The portion of any wages or salaries paid or incurred by the taxpayer for the taxable year that is equal to the amount of the federal work opportunity credit, the empowerment zone employment credit, the credit for employer paid social security taxes on employee cash tips and the Indian employment credit that the taxpayer received under sections 45A, 45B, 51(a) and 1396 of the internal revenue code.
- 16. The amount of prizes or winnings less than five thousand dollars in a single taxable year from any of the state lotteries established and operated pursuant to title 5, chapter 5, article 1, except that all such winnings before March 22, 1983, including periodic distributions from such winnings made after March 22, 1983, may be subtracted.
- 17. The amount of exploration expenses that is determined pursuant to section 617 of the internal revenue code, that has been deferred in a taxable year ending before January 1, 1990 and for which a subtraction has not previously been made. The subtraction shall be made on a ratable basis as

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the units of produced ores or minerals discovered or explored as a result of this exploration are sold.

- 18. The amount included in federal adjusted gross income pursuant to section 86 of the internal revenue code, relating to taxation of social security and railroad retirement benefits.
- 19. To the extent not already excluded from Arizona gross income under the internal revenue code, compensation received for active service as a member of the reserves, THE national guard or the armed forces of the United States, including compensation for service in a combat zone as determined under section 112 of the internal revenue code.
- 20. The amount of unreimbursed medical and hospital costs, adoption counseling, legal and agency fees and other nonrecurring costs of adoption not to exceed three thousand dollars. In the case of a husband and wife who file separate returns, the subtraction may be taken by either taxpayer or may be divided between them, but the total subtractions allowed both husband and wife shall not exceed three thousand dollars. The subtraction under this paragraph may be taken for the costs that are described in this paragraph and that are incurred in prior years, but the subtraction may be taken only in the year during which the final adoption order is granted.
- 21. The amount authorized by section 43-1027 for the taxable year relating to qualified wood stoves, wood fireplaces or gas fired fireplaces.
- 22. With respect to a medical savings account established pursuant to section 43-1028:
 - (a) An eligible individual may subtract:
- (i) The amount of contributions made by the individual's employer during the taxable year to the individual's medical savings account pursuant to section 43-1028 to the extent that the employer contributions are included in the individual's federal adjusted gross income.
- (ii) The amount deposited by the individual in the account during the taxable year to the extent that the individual's contributions are included in the individual's federal adjusted gross income.
- (b) The individual's employer may subtract the amount of contributions made by the employer to a medical savings account established on the individual's behalf to the extent that the contributions are not deductible under the internal revenue code.
- 23. The amount by which a net operating loss carryover or capital loss carryover allowable pursuant to section 43-1029, subsection F exceeds the net operating loss carryover or capital loss carryover allowable pursuant to section 1341(b)(5) of the internal revenue code.
- 24. Any amount of qualified educational expenses that is distributed from a qualified state tuition program determined pursuant to section 529 of the internal revenue code and that is included in income in computing federal adjusted gross income.

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- 25. Any item of income resulting from an installment sale that has been properly subjected to income tax in another state in a previous taxable year and that is included in Arizona gross income in the current taxable year.
- 26. The amount authorized by section 43-1030 relating to holocaust survivors.
- 27. The amount authorized by section 43-1031 for constructing an energy efficient residence.
- 28. An amount equal to the depreciation allowable pursuant to section 167(a) of the internal revenue code for the taxable year computed as if the election described in section 168(k)(2)(D)(iii) of the internal revenue code had been made for each applicable class of property in the year the property was placed in service.
- 29. With respect to property that is sold or otherwise disposed of during the taxable year by a taxpayer that complied with section 43-1021, paragraph 26 with respect to that property, the amount of depreciation that has been allowed pursuant to section 167(a) of the internal revenue code to the extent that the amount has not already reduced Arizona taxable income in the current or prior taxable years.
- 30. With respect to property for which an adjustment was made under section 43-1021, paragraph 27, an amount equal to one-fifth of the amount of the adjustment pursuant to section 43-1021, paragraph 27 in the year in which the amount was adjusted under section 43-1021, paragraph 27 and in each of the following four years.
- 31. THE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR TO A COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 529 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE EXTENT THAT THE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE NOT DEDUCTED IN COMPUTING FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME. THE AMOUNT SUBTRACTED SHALL NOT EXCEED:
- (a) TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL OR A HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.
- (b) FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A MARRIED COUPLE FILING A JOINT RETURN. IN THE CASE OF A HUSBAND AND WIFE WHO FILE SEPARATE RETURNS, THE SUBTRACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY EITHER TAXPAYER OR MAY BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THEM, BUT THE TOTAL SUBTRACTIONS ALLOWED BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
- Sec. 9. Section 43-1074.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

43-1074.01. Credit for increased research activities

- A. A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title in an amount determined pursuant to section 41 of the internal revenue code, except that:
- 1. The amount of the credit is based on the excess, if any, of the qualified research expenses for the taxable year over the base amount as defined in section 41(c) of the internal revenue code and is computed as follows:

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- (a) If the excess is two million five hundred thousand dollars or less, the credit is equal to twenty TWENTY-TWO per cent of that amount.
- (b) If the excess is over two million five hundred thousand dollars, the credit is equal to five hundred FIFTY thousand dollars plus eleven THIRTEEN per cent of any amount exceeding two million five hundred thousand dollars, except that:
- (i) For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000 through December 31, 2001, the credit shall not exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars.
- (ii) For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2001 through December 31, 2002, the credit shall not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars.
- 2. Qualified research includes only research conducted in this state including research conducted at a university in this state and paid for by the taxpayer.
- 3. If two or more taxpayers, including partners in a partnership and shareholders of an S corporation, as defined in section 1361 of the internal revenue code, share in the eligible expenses, each taxpayer is eligible to receive a proportionate share of the credit.
- 4. The credit under this section applies only to expenses incurred from and after December 31, 2000.
- 5. The termination provisions of section 41 of the internal revenue code do not apply.
- B. If the allowable credit under this section exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the amount of the credit not used to offset taxes may be carried forward to the next fifteen consecutive taxable years. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000 through December 31, 2002 that may be used in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less, minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2002 that may be used in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses.
- Sec. 10. Section 43-1088, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 43-1088. Credit for contribution to charitable organization that provides assistance to the working poor; definitions
- A. For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 1997, A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title for voluntary cash contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to a qualifying

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charitable organization as determined pursuant to subsection F of this section, but not exceeding:

- 1. Two hundred dollars in any taxable year for a single individual or a head of household.
- 2. Three hundred dollars in taxable year 2005 for a married couple filing a joint return.
- 3. 2. Four hundred dollars in ANY taxable year 2006 and any subsequent year for a married couple filing a joint return.
- B. A husband and wife who file separate returns for a taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half of the tax credit that would have been allowed for a joint return.
- C. If the allowable tax credit exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the taxpayer may carry forward the amount of the claim not used to offset the taxes under this title for not more than five consecutive taxable years' income tax liability.
 - D. The credit allowed by this section:
- 1. IS ALLOWED ONLY IF THE TAXPAYER ITEMIZES DEDUCTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-1042 FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR.
- 2. Is in lieu of a deduction pursuant to section 170 of the internal revenue code and taken for state tax purposes.
- E. Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section shall provide the name of the qualifying charitable organization and the amount of the contribution to the department of revenue on forms provided by the department.
- F. The credit under this section applies only to contributions to qualifying charitable organizations that exceed the total amount deducted pursuant to section 170 of the internal revenue code in the taxpayer's baseline year. The taxpayer's baseline year is:
- $1.\$ The 1996 taxable year if the taxpayer deducted charitable contributions pursuant to section 170 of the internal revenue code in the 1996 taxable year.
- 2. If the taxpayer did not deduct charitable contributions pursuant to section 170 of the internal revenue code in the 1996 taxable year, the taxpayer's baseline year is the first taxable year after 1996 that the taxpayer deducted charitable contributions pursuant to section 170 of the internal revenue code.
- G. F. A qualifying charitable organization shall provide the department of revenue with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered a qualifying charitable organization. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect the qualifications under this section.
- G. THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'S WRITTEN CERTIFICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY AN OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY. THE WRITTEN CERTIFICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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- 1. VERIFICATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S STATUS UNDER SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR VERIFICATION THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS A DESIGNATED COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY THAT RECEIVES COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM MONIES PURSUANT TO 42 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 9901.
- 2. FINANCIAL DATA INDICATING THE ORGANIZATION'S BUDGET FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S PRIOR OPERATING YEAR AND THE AMOUNT OF THAT BUDGET SPENT ON SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE WHO RECEIVE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BENEFITS OR WHO ARE LOW INCOME RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.
- 3. A STATEMENT THAT THE ORGANIZATION PLANS TO CONTINUE SPENDING AT LEAST FIFTY PER CENT OF ITS BUDGET ON SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE WHO RECEIVE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BENEFITS OR WHO ARE LOW INCOME RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.
- H. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW EACH WRITTEN CERTIFICATION AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE ORGANIZATION MEETS ALL THE CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED A QUALIFYING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AND NOTIFY THE ORGANIZATION OF ITS DETERMINATION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO PERIODICALLY REQUEST RECERTIFICATION FROM THE ORGANIZATION. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of the qualifying organizations.
 - H. I. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "Low income residents" means persons whose household income is less than one hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty level.
- "Qualifying charitable organization" means charitable organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code or is a designated community action agency that receives community services block grant program monies pursuant to 42 United States Code section 9901. The organization must spend at least fifty per cent of its budget on services to residents of this state who receive temporary assistance for needy families benefits or low income residents of this state and their households. Taxpayers choosing to make donations through an umbrella charitable organization that collects donations on behalf of member charities shall designate that the donation be directed to a member charitable organization that would qualify under this section on a stand-alone basis.
- 3. "Services" means cash assistance, medical care, child care, food, clothing, shelter, job placement and job training services or any other assistance that is reasonably necessary to meet immediate basic needs and that is provided and used in this state.
- Sec. 11. Section 43-1089, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

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43-1089. <u>Credit for contributions to school tuition organization; definitions</u>
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A. A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title for the amount of voluntary cash contributions made by the taxpayer OR ON THE TAXPAYER'S BEHALF PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-401, SUBSECTION H during the taxable year to a school tuition organization, but not exceeding:

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- 1. Five hundred dollars in any taxable year for a single individual or a head of household.
- 2. Eight hundred twenty-five dollars in taxable year 2005 for a married couple filing a joint return.
- 3. One thousand dollars in taxable year 2006 and any subsequent TAXABLE year for a married couple filing a joint return.
- B. A husband and wife who file separate returns for a taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half of the tax credit that would have been allowed for a joint return.
- C. If the allowable tax credit exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the taxpayer may carry the amount of the claim not used to offset the taxes under this title forward for not more than five consecutive taxable years' income tax liability.
- D. The credit allowed by this section is in lieu of any deduction pursuant to section 170 of the internal revenue code and taken for state tax purposes.
- E. The tax credit is not allowed if the taxpayer designates the taxpayer's contribution to the school tuition organization for the direct benefit of any dependent of the taxpayer.
- F. A school tuition organization that receives a voluntary cash contribution pursuant to subsection A shall report to the department, in a form prescribed by the department, by February 28 of each year the following information:
- 1. The name, address and contact name of the school tuition organization.
- 2. The total number of contributions received during the previous calendar year.
- 3. The total dollar amount of contributions received during the previous calendar year.
- 4. The total number of children awarded educational scholarships or tuition grants during the previous calendar year.
- 5. The total dollar amount of educational scholarships and tuition grants awarded during the previous calendar year.
- 6. For each school to which educational scholarships or tuition grants were awarded:
 - (a) The name and address of the school.
- (b) The number of educational scholarships and tuition grants awarded during the previous calendar year.
- (c) The total dollar amount of educational scholarships and tuition grants awarded during the previous calendar year.
- G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A CONTRIBUTION, FOR WHICH A CREDIT IS CLAIMED, THAT IS MADE ON OR BEFORE THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE FOURTH MONTH FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE TAXABLE YEAR MAY BE APPLIED TO EITHER THE CURRENT OR THE PRECEDING TAXABLE YEAR AT THE TAXPAYER'S ELECTION. A CREDIT

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APPLIED TO THE PRECEDING TAXABLE YEAR IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE LAST DAY OF THAT TAXABLE YEAR.

G. H. For the purposes of this section:

- 1. "Handicapped student" means a student who has any of the following conditions:
 - (a) Hearing impairment.
 - (b) Visual impairment.
 - (c) Preschool moderate delay.
 - (d) Preschool severe delay.
 - (e) Preschool speech or language delay.
- 2. "Qualified school" means a nongovernmental primary school or secondary school or a preschool for handicapped students that is located in this state, that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, handicap, familial status or national origin and that satisfies the requirements prescribed by law for private schools in this state on January 1, 1997.
- 3. "School tuition organization" means a charitable organization in this state that is exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code and that allocates at least ninety per cent of its annual revenue for educational scholarships or tuition grants to children to allow them to attend any qualified school of their parents' choice. In addition, to qualify as a school tuition organization the charitable organization shall provide educational scholarships or tuition grants to students without limiting availability to only students of one school.

Sec. 12. Section 43-1089.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

43-1089.01. <u>Tax credit: public school fees and contributions:</u> definitions

- A. A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title for the amount of any fees or cash contributions made by a taxpayer OR ON THE TAXPAYER'S BEHALF PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-401, SUBSECTION H during the taxable year to a public school located in this state for the support of extracurricular activities or character education programs of the public school, but not exceeding:
 - 1. Two hundred dollars for a single individual or a head of household.
- 2. Three hundred dollars in taxable year 2005 for a married couple filing a joint return.
- 3. Four hundred dollars in taxable year 2006 and any subsequent TAXABLE year for a married couple filing a joint return.
- B. A husband and wife who file separate returns for a taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half of the tax credit that would have been allowed for a joint return.
- C. The credit allowed by this section is in lieu of any deduction pursuant to section 170 of the internal revenue code and taken for state tax purposes.

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- D. If the allowable tax credit exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the taxpayer may carry the amount of the claim not used to offset the taxes under this title forward for not more than five consecutive taxable years' income tax liability.
- E. The site council of the public school that receives contributions that are not designated for a specific purpose shall determine how the contributions are used at the school site. If a charter school does not have a site council, the principal, director or chief administrator of the charter school shall determine how the contributions that are not designated for a specific purpose are used at the school site.
- F. A public school that receives fees or a cash contribution pursuant to subsection A of this section shall report to the department, in a form prescribed by the department, by February 28 of each year the following information:
- 1. The total number of fee and cash contribution payments received during the previous calendar year.
- 2. The total dollar amount of fees and contributions received during the previous calendar year.
- 3. The total dollar amount of fees and contributions spent by the school during the previous calendar year.
- G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A CONTRIBUTION, FOR WHICH A CREDIT IS CLAIMED, THAT IS MADE ON OR BEFORE THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE FOURTH MONTH FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE TAXABLE YEAR MAY BE APPLIED TO EITHER THE CURRENT OR THE PRECEDING TAXABLE YEAR AT THE TAXPAYER'S ELECTION. A CREDIT APPLIED TO THE PRECEDING TAXABLE YEAR IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE LAST DAY OF THAT TAXABLE YEAR.
 - G. H. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "Character education programs" means a program described in section 15-719.
- 2. "Extracurricular activities" means school sponsored activities that require enrolled students to pay a fee in order to participate including fees for:
 - (a) Band uniforms.
 - (b) Equipment or uniforms for varsity athletic activities.
 - (c) Scientific laboratory materials.
- (d) In-state or out-of-state trips that are solely for competitive events. Extracurricular activities do not include any senior trips or events that are recreational, amusement or tourist activities.
- Sec. 13. Section 43-1111, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

43-1111. <u>Tax rates for corporations</u>

There shall be levied, collected and paid for each taxable year upon the entire Arizona taxable income of every corporation, unless exempt under section 43-1126 or 43-1201 or as otherwise provided in this title or by law,

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taxes in an amount of $\frac{6.968}{6.8}$ 6.8 per cent of net income or fifty dollars, whichever is greater.

Sec. 14. Section 43-1168, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

43-1168. Credit for increased research activities

- A. A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title in an amount determined pursuant to section 41 of the internal revenue code, except that:
 - 1. The amount of the credit is computed as follows:
 - (a) Add:
- (i) The excess, if any, of the qualified research expenses for the taxable year over the base amount as defined in section 41(c) of the internal revenue code.
- (ii) The basic research payments determined under section 41(e)(1)(A) of the internal revenue code.
- (b) If the sum computed under subdivision (a) is two million five hundred thousand dollars or less, the credit is equal to $\frac{1}{1}$ twenty TWENTY-TWO per cent of that amount.
- (c) If the sum computed under subdivision (a) is over two million five hundred thousand dollars, the credit is equal to five hundred FIFTY thousand dollars plus eleven THIRTEEN per cent of any amount exceeding two million five hundred thousand dollars, except that:
- (i) For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000 through December 31, 2001, the credit shall not exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars.
- (ii) For taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2001 through December 31, 2002, the credit shall not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars.
- 2. Qualified research includes only research conducted in this state including research conducted at a university in this state and paid for by the taxpayer.
- 3. If two or more taxpayers, including corporate partners in a partnership, share in the eligible expenses, each taxpayer is eligible to receive a proportionate share of the credit.
- 4. The credit under this section applies only to expenses incurred from and after December 31, 1993.
- 5. The termination provisions of section 41 of the internal revenue code do not apply.
- B. If the allowable credit under this section exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the amount of the credit not used to offset taxes may be carried forward to the next fifteen consecutive taxable years. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000 through December 31, 2002 that may be used under this subsection in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability

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under this title or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less, minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2002 that may be used under this subsection in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses.

C. If a taxpayer has qualified research expenses that are carried forward from taxable years beginning before January 1, 2001, the amount of the expenses carried forward shall be converted to a credit carryforward by multiplying the amount of the qualified expenses carried forward by twenty per cent. A credit carryforward determined under this subsection may be carried forward to not more than fifteen years from the year in which the expenses were incurred. The amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning before January 1, 2001 that may be used under this subsection in any taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less, minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses. The total amount of credit carryforward from taxable years beginning before January 1, 2003 that may be used in any taxable year under the provisions of subsection B and this subsection may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability under this title or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less, minus the credit under this section for the current taxable year's qualified research expenses.

Sec. 15. Section 43-1183, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

43-1183. <u>Credit for contributions to school tuition organization; definitions</u>

- A. Beginning from and after June 30, 2006 through June 30, 2011, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title for the amount of voluntary cash contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to a school tuition organization.
- B. The amount of the credit is the total amount of the taxpayer's contributions for the taxable year under subsection A of this section and is preapproved by the department pursuant to subsection D of this section.
 - C. The department:
- 1. Shall not allow tax credits under this section AND SECTION 20-224.07 that exceed in the aggregate,— a combined total of ten million dollars in any fiscal year. Beginning in fiscal year 2007-2008, the aggregate DOLLAR amount of the tax credit cap from the previous fiscal year shall be annually increased by twenty per cent.
- 2. Shall preapprove tax credits UNDER THIS SECTION AND SECTION 20-224.07 subject to subsection D of this section.
- 3. Shall allow the tax credits UNDER THIS SECTION AND SECTION 20-224.07 on a first come, first served basis.

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- D. For the purposes of subsection C, paragraph 2 of this section, before making a contribution to a school tuition organization, the taxpayer shall UNDER THIS TITLE OR TITLE 20 MUST notify the school tuition organization of the total amount of contributions that the taxpayer intends to make to the school tuition organization. Before accepting the contribution, the school tuition organization shall request preapproval from the department for the taxpayer's intended contribution amount. department shall preapprove or deny the requested amount within twenty days after receiving the request from the school tuition organization. If the department preapproves the request, the school tuition organization shall immediately notify the taxpayer, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE IN THE CASE OF A CREDIT UNDER SECTION 20-224.07, that the requested amount was preapproved by the department OF REVENUE. In order to receive a tax credit under this subsection, the taxpayer shall make the contribution to the school tuition organization within ten days after receiving notice from the school tuition organization that the requested amount was preapproved. If the school tuition organization does not receive the preapproved contribution from the taxpayer within the required ten days, the school tuition organization shall immediately notify the department OF REVENUE, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE IN THE CASE OF A CREDIT UNDER SECTION 20-224.07, and the department OF REVENUE shall no longer include this preapproved contribution amount when calculating the limit prescribed in subsection C, paragraph 1 of this section.
- E. A school tuition organization that receives contributions under this section OR SECTION 20-224.07 shall allow the department OF REVENUE to verify that the educational scholarships and tuition grants that are issued pursuant to this section are awarded to students who attend a qualified school.
- F. If the allowable tax credit exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the taxpayer may carry the amount of the claim not used to offset the taxes under this title forward for not more than five consecutive taxable years' income tax liability.
- G. Co-owners of a business, including corporate partners in a partnership, may each claim only the pro rata share of the credit allowed under this section based on the ownership interest. The total of the credits allowed all such owners may not exceed the amount that would have been allowed a sole owner.
- H. The credit allowed by this section is in lieu of any deduction pursuant to section 170 of the internal revenue code and taken for state tax purposes.
- I. The tax credit is not allowed if the taxpayer designates the taxpayer's contribution to the school tuition organization for the direct benefit of any specific student.

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- J. A school tuition organization that receives contributions under this section OR SECTION 20-224.07 shall use at least ninety per cent of those contributions to provide educational scholarships or tuition grants only to children whose family income does not exceed one hundred eighty-five per cent of the income limit required to qualify a child for reduced price lunches under the national school lunch and child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751 through 1785) and who either:
- 1. Attended a governmental primary or secondary school as a full-time student as defined in section 15-901 for at least the first one hundred days of the prior fiscal year and transferred from a governmental primary or secondary school to a qualified school.
 - 2. Enroll in a qualified school in a kindergarten program.
- 3. Received an educational scholarship or tuition grant under paragraph 1 or 2 of this subsection if the children continue to attend a qualified school in a subsequent year.
- K. In 2006, a school tuition organization shall not issue an educational scholarship or a tuition grant in an amount that exceeds four thousand two hundred dollars for students in a kindergarten program or grades one through eight or five thousand five hundred dollars for students in grades nine through twelve. In each year after 2006, the limitation amount for a scholarship or a grant under this subsection shall be increased by one hundred dollars.
- L. A child is still eligible to receive an educational scholarship or tuition grant under subsection J of this section if the child meets the criteria to receive a reduced price lunch but does not actually claim that benefit.
- M. The school tuition organization shall require that the children use the educational scholarships or tuition grants on a full-time basis. If a child leaves the qualified school before completing an entire school year, the qualified school shall refund a prorated amount of the educational scholarship or tuition grant to the school tuition organization that issued the educational scholarship or tuition grant to the child. Any refunds received by the school tuition organization under this subsection shall be allocated for educational scholarships or tuition grants to qualified children in the following year.
- N. Children who receive educational scholarships or tuition grants under this section shall be allowed to attend any qualified school of their parents' choice.
- O. A school tuition organization that receives a voluntary cash contribution pursuant to subsection A of this section OR SECTION 20-224.07 shall report to the department OF REVENUE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, in a form prescribed by the department OF REVENUE, by June 30 of each year the following information:
- 1. The name, address and contact name of the school tuition organization.

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- 2. The total number of contributions received during the previous calendar year, IDENTIFIED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION OR SECTION 20-224.07.
- 3. The total dollar amount of contributions received during the previous calendar year, IDENTIFIED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION OR SECTION 20-224.07.
- 4. The total number of children awarded educational scholarships or tuition grants during the previous calendar year.
- 5. The total dollar amount of educational scholarships and tuition grants awarded during the previous calendar year.
- 6. For each school to which educational scholarships or tuition grants were awarded:
 - (a) The name and address of the school.
- (b) The number of educational scholarships and tuition grants awarded during the previous calendar year.
- (c) The total dollar amount of educational scholarships and tuition grants awarded during the previous calendar year.
- 7. Verification that an independent review of financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles was completed by a certified public accountant for the previous calendar year.
- P. The department OF REVENUE, WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, shall adopt rules AND PUBLISH AND PRESCRIBE FORMS AND PROCEDURES necessary for the administration of this section.
 - Q. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "Qualified school" means a nongovernmental primary school or secondary school:
- (a) That is located in this state, that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, handicap, familial status or national origin and that satisfies the requirements prescribed by law for private schools in this state on January 1, 2005.
- (b) That annually administers and makes available to the public the aggregate test scores of its students on a nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement test, preferably the Arizona instrument to measure standards test administered pursuant to section 15-741.
- (c) That requires all teaching staff and any personnel that have unsupervised contact with students to be fingerprinted.
- 2. "School tuition organization" means a charitable organization in this state that both:
- (a) Is exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code and that allocates ninety per cent of its annual revenue for educational scholarships or tuition grants to children to allow them to attend any qualified school of their parents' choice.
- (b) Provides educational scholarships or tuition grants to students without limiting availability to only students of one school.

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Sec. 16. Fee and assessment adjustments: department of insurance: state real estate department: 2007-2008: retroactivity

- A. Notwithstanding section 20-167, subsection F, Arizona Revised Statutes, and section 20-466, subsection J, Arizona Revised Statutes, the director of insurance shall not revise fees or assessments in fiscal year 2007-2008 for the purposes of meeting the requirement to recover at least ninety-five per cent but not more than one hundred ten per cent of the department of insurance's appropriated budget.
- B. Notwithstanding section 32-2103, subsection B, Arizona Revised Statutes, the state real estate commissioner shall not revise fees in fiscal year 2007-2008 for the purposes of meeting the requirement to recover at least ninety-five per cent but not more than one hundred ten per cent of the state real estate department's appropriated budget.
- C. This section is effective retroactively to from and after June 30, 2007.

Sec. 17. Prior insurance premium tax credit obtained for increased employment in enterprise zones or military reuse zones

Notwithstanding section 20-224.06, subsection C, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, an insurer may claim a tax credit pursuant to section 20-224.03 or 20-224.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, for net increases in qualified employment positions created by an insurer before the effective date of section 20-224.06, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

Sec. 18. Recertification process

All charitable organizations that have previously submitted a written certification under section 43-1088, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, must send the department of revenue another written certification containing all of the information required under section 43-1088, subsection G, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act. The department of revenue shall determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered a qualifying charitable organization and notify the organization of its determination. An organization that fails to comply with this section:

- 2. May be added to the department of revenue's list if, at a later date, it submits a written certification that complies with section 43-1088, subsections F and G, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, and the department of revenue determines that the organization is a qualifying organization.

Sec. 19. Short title

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "2007 Economic Stimulus and Education Investment Act".

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Sec. 20. Retroactivity
Sections 43-1021, 43-1022 and 43-1111, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, apply retroactively to taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2006.
Sec. 21. Effective date
Sections 42-2001, 43-401, 43-1074.01, 43-1088 and 43-1168, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, are effective from and after December 31, 2007.

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